

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| SERIAL NO.: | 10/615,797   | )             | GROUP ART UNIT:  | 1616                     |
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| FILED:      | July 10, 2003  | )             | EXAMINER:        | ALTON NATHANIEL<br>PRYOR |
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| TITLE:      | METAL COMPOUNDS, MIXED OR SULPHATED, AS PHOSPHATE<br>BINDERS |               |                  |                          |
| DATE:       | November 14, 2008  | CUSTOMER NO.: | 26565            |                          |

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND  
RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby submits a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, along with a Response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2008, in the above-referenced application. In addition, Applicant has submitted an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR § 1.56 and §§ 1.97-1.98. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims and submits that the response and amendment place the pending claims in condition for allowance.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.114, Applicant requests that \$810.00 be charged to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. Applicant hereby submits that no additional fees are due with this Request for Continued Examination and Response. If any fees are due in connection with this filing, please charge these fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 13-0019. This request and response takes the following form:

**Listing of the Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks and Response** begin on page 4.